

deed mentioned, acknowledged the lands and tenements, or other property in the same, to be the right or estate of the donee, grantee or bargainee, or shall certify, by endorsement, any acknowledgment tantamount thereto, or shall endorse on any deed any certificate in any words declaratory of the intention of the grantor, bargainor or vendor, to pass and convey the property therein mentioned to the donee, grantee or bargainee, such acknowledgment shall be as good and available in law against all persons whatever, as if the persons receiving such acknowledgment shall certify that the donor, grantor or bargainor, had expressly acknowledged the said instrument of writing to be his, her or their act and deed, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, that nothing herein contained shall alter or change the mode prescribed of taking the acknowledgments of feme coverts and feme covert grantors.

CHAPTER 110.

AN ACT to prevent excessive Gaming.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this general assembly, Preamble.
that certain persons, as well citizens of this as of other states, and foreigners, carry about with them from one public place to another in this state certain gambling machines or inventions, calculated to deceive and defraud the innocent and unguarded, to the prejudice of society, and the corruption of morals; and this assembly being desirous to put a stop to such pernicious and baneful effects, therefore,

SEC. 2, 3, 4. Merged in 1803, ch. 75.

Sec. 5. Merged in 1826, ch. 80, which was afterwards modified by 1829, ch. 136.

SEC. 6. *Provided nevertheless*, That nothing in this act shall, Proviso.
in any manner, affect any of the chartered rights or privileges of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, or of Georgetown.

CHAPTER 113.

AN ACT relative to lands devised where there are no known heirs, or the heirs are aliens.

WHEREAS, by the British statute, entitled, an act for the relief Preamble.
of creditors against fraudulent devises, which hath been extended to and practised under in this state, it is provided, that in all actions brought by certain creditors for the recovery of debts due by persons dying seized of lands and tenements, and devising the same by their wills and testaments, the devisees and heirs at law shall be joined by virtue of the said statute; and there being no provision therein for cases where there are no